

I Claim:

1. A tool for assisting in the removal of carpet depressions, the tool comprising:  
a stiff wire probe shaft having a point at one end and a handle at the other end  
thereof for manipulation of the tool;

5                      said wire probe shaft having at least one bend in a common plane.

2. The tool of claim 1, wherein said wire probe shaft has two bends in a common plane whereby said tool has three segments separated by said bends comprised of an upturned proximal handle segment, an upturned distal pointed segment and an intermediate horizontal segment.

10                      3. The tool of claim 2, wherein said bends are each approximately 30°.

4. The tool of claim 1, wherein said handle is comprised of a U-shaped bend in said wire probe shaft with a plastic sleeve snugly received thereover.

5. The method of removing a depression area in fibers of a carpet comprising:  
penetrating a pointed end of a bent stiff wire probe through the carpet adjacent  
the depression to be removed;

manipulating the bent wire probe to position the pointed end under the  
5 depression;

further manipulating the bent wire probe to raise the depressed area with the  
probe point;

brushing the depressed carpet fibers in the depression while raised to raise the  
depressed fibers; and

10 removing the bent wire probe.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of penetrating includes also  
penetrating an underlying carpet pad.